



Tidings: Trinity on Bridge

A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, Caring church
Sharing God's love story since 1873

July 2026



A People of Encouragement

My dear friend in the American story,

As we enter the historic month of July 2026, America marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is a season to pause, give thanks, and remember that every good gift comes from God. “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy” (Psalm 126:3).

feeling keep coming back?

When Miriam, Nihal, Nehara, and I came to this country in 2014, we arrived with hope, a few suitcases, and—if I am honest—probably more questions than socks. Questions like these came quickly: “What would ministry look like 8,000 miles away from everything we had experienced?” “Do I really have to pay \$200 for car insurance because my 25 years of driving in India will not count?” “Social Security? What is that?” “Wow! How did the kids get admitted to schools in the U.S. in 72 hours? Unthinkable in India!” “How are we going to learn all those different-sounding names?” “Do some people come out of their homes not to meet people, but only because their dogs have to go?” “Why does our 9-year-old daughter have to hide behind clothes racks in Walmart, leaving an equally lost-looking Indian man searching for a child with an unusual name?” “Why don’t they add some mouth-watering Indian spices to deer meat and bologna?” “Why is it so difficult to leave our elderly parents and family behind in India while responding to the Lord’s call?” And yes, why does that homesick feeling keep coming back?

Yet in this land of the free and home of the brave, we found welcome, opportunity, and the privilege of belonging. Most especially, we found a wonderful church family among the people of Trinity on Bridge Street in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Speaking of questions, there were at least two questions we did not have to struggle with. The first one was this, “Would the people of Trinity accept a family of color from India, and their first non-white pastor?” They absolutely did. The second, “Would God remain faithful to us on this journey?” We simply relied on 1 Thessalonians 5:24: “Faithful is He that has called you, and He will do it.”

As Christians, our gratitude for this nation must always lead us deeper into prayer, humility, and service. The prophet reminds us to “seek the welfare of the city” (Jeremiah 29:7). So we celebrate not only with flags and fireworks, but with kindness, justice, hospitality, and love for our neighbors. Any blessing we have as a nation is not because we are better than others, but because God has been kind. Our blessings must inspire ongoing generosity toward the mission of the Gospel across this nation and beyond. Our mission is to share the blessings and shine the light of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are grateful that Trinity supports ministries beyond our local setting, including in nations like Taiwan and Spain. As believers, we might be citizens of different nations, but in the eternal scheme of life we are at best, citizens of heaven.

May this 250th anniversary renew our commitment to Christ, who sets us free indeed. And may Trinity continue to be a place where every stranger becomes a friend, every guest becomes family, and every heart finds a home in God’s grace. **God bless America! Your Pastor**

“It was once written that America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great. I have no fear that the character and generosity of our people will erode. But I am concerned that we don’t draw from that deep well of compassion and goodness nearly enough. Together, we can bring back the recognition voluntary action, private initiative, once enjoyed. We will remind the American people of how good and how great they really are. And in so doing, we will ensure our inner strength for generations to come.”— President Ronald Reagan

BECOME A MEMBER

If you are interested in becoming a church member at Trinity, please contact the church office to receive an application form. To know more, contact Pastor Arun.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR JULY

Would you pray for the children and teenagers whom God brought to Trinity for VBS 2026? Pray that they may choose to walk with Jesus and that their families support them in their faith journey.

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Are you using the Daily Bible Reading Plan? You can compliment your week’s study of God’s Word with this resource, as well as by using the sermon discussion notes. See page 4.

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS

We would like to highlight the various ministries of Trinity through words and pictures. Leaders, please help us by sending us a picture or two with a little write-up. Please send the content to Jessica Fisher at jfisher@trinityonbridge.com

2026 THEME: FOR THE ONE JULY THEME: A PEOPLE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

**July 5 | Shiphrah & Puah
Sticking Your Neck Out
Exodus 1:15-21
(Holy Communion)**

**July 12 | Epaphroditus
When People Come First
Philippians 2:25-30**

**July 19 | Tabitha (Dorcas)
Compassion in Action
Acts 9:36-42
(Bishop Pauline Peifer)**

**July 26 | Onesiphorus
Refreshing the Weary
2 Timothy 1:16-18**

A 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: AMERICA THROUGH IMMIGRANT EYES

Do not miss this special opportunity to celebrate America's 250th anniversary through the eyes of a grateful immigrant, gifted communicator, and faithful witness. On **Saturday, August 15th** at 5:30 p.m., Trinity will host a dinner session with Krish Dhanam titled "From Hope to Home: Celebrating the American Dream Through Immigrant Eyes."

On **Sunday, August 16th** at our services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Krish will speak on the theme "Hope's Harbor: Why America Still Inspires the World."



Krish's story is remarkable. Born in India, he completed his MBA before migrating to the United States in 1986 with his wife, Anila. He arrived with only nine dollars in his pocket and a dream in his heart. A sales contest later led him to a seminar with Zig Ziglar, and that encounter opened the door for him to join the Ziglar Corporation in 1991, where he rose from telemarketer to Vice President of Global Operations.

Today, Krish is known around the world for a message filled with hope, humor, faith, freedom, discipline, dignity, work ethic, and gratitude. He has spoken in more than 75 countries and across the United States, serving audiences that include the United States Army, American Airlines, Christian Dior, Marriott Hotels, Texas Instruments, Toshiba, and PepsiCo.

He is the Managing Partner and CEO of Skylife Success, Dean of the Patriot Institute, co-founder of Krish Dhanam Training, and President of Mala Ministries. He is also the author of *The American Dream from an Indian Heart* and *From Abstracts to Absolutes*, a contributing author to Zig Ziglar's *Top Performance*, and co-author of *Hard Headed and Soft Hearted* with Rick Belluzzo, former President of Microsoft.

More than a speaker, Krish is a devoted follower of Jesus Christ whose life and message point people to gratitude, purpose, and hope. He met the Lord through his business mentor in 1993 and has since shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ across six continents.

Make plans to attend, invite a friend, and be part of this meaningful celebration of faith, freedom, gratitude, and the American story.

250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DINNER SESSION | Saturday, August 15th at 5:30 p.m

"From Hope to Home: Celebrating the American Dream Through Immigrant Eyes"

Trinity will provide the main items. Participants are invited to bring a dish or dessert.

A-K last name: Side dishes. L-Z last name: Desserts. (Use the sign-up sheet.)

SUNDAY SERVICES | Sunday, August 16th at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"Hope's Harbor: Why America Still Inspires the World"

JULY 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN: A PEOPLE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1. What does today's reading reveal about God?
2. Is there a promise, command, or example that inspires me?
3. Write a short prayer based on a verse, or idea that stands out.
4. Keep the verse or idea with you. Every two hours, take a "blessing break" to reflect. It will bless your day!

Date	Theme	Scripture	Encouragement
1	Teaching With Care	Nehemiah 8:1–12	Help others honor God's Word
2	Mentoring Faithfully	Titus 2:1–10	Let your life teach what is good
3	Explaining the Way	Luke 24:13–27	Walk with others toward truth
4	Passing the Faith	Psalms 78:1–11	Tell the next generation
5	Caring to Protect	Exodus 1:15–21	Fear God, protect the vulnerable
6	Holy Courage	Daniel 3:13–25	Stand firm when faith is tested
7	Risking for Justice	Esther 4:6–17	Step forward for such a time as this
8	Mercy Over Fear	Joshua 2:1–14	Let faith move you to mercy
9	Obedying God First	Acts 4:13–22	Speak truth with humble boldness
10	Strong to Stand	Ephesians 6:10–20	God's strength for the struggle
11	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 11:23–34	Honor Christ, check your heart
12	People Come First	Philippians 2:25–30	Honor those who serve sacrificially
13	The Mind of Christ	Philippians 2:1–11	Look to the interests of others
14	Shared Burdens	Galatians 6:1–10	Carry burdens and keep doing good
15	Serving the Least	Matthew 25:31–40	Serve Christ by serving neighbors
16	Costly Friendship	John 15:9–17	Love others as Jesus loves you
17	Gracious Hospitality	1 Peter 4:7–11	Use your gifts to serve others
18	Refreshing faith	Philemon 1:4–16	Let love renew fellowship
19	Compassion in Action	Acts 9:36–42	Let good works speak of grace
20	Open Hands	Deuteronomy 15:7–11	Give generously to those in need
21	Pure Religion	James 1:19–27	Hear the Word and do it
22	Faith Made Visible	James 2:14–26	Show faith through loving action
23	Bread for the Hungry	Isaiah 58:6–14	Practice mercy as worship
24	A pastor's heart	Acts 20:25–38	Care for those entrusted to you
25	Generous Grace	2 Corinthians 9:6–15	Let generosity overflow
26	Refreshing the Weary	2 Timothy 1:16–18	Refresh burdened hearts
27	Strength for the Faint	Isaiah 40:27–31	Wait on the Lord for strength
28	Rest for Souls	Matthew 11:20–30	Come to Christ and receive rest
29	A Word in Season	Isaiah 50:4–11	Sustaining words to the weary
30	Comforting presence	2 Corinthians 7:2–13	Love that moves us closer to God
31	Daily Encouragement	Hebrews 3:7–19	Encourage one another every day

SUSTAINED IN THE VALLEY by Jamie Bream, Contemporary Worship Leader

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.” Colossians 1:28-29 (NIV)

CityAlight’s anthem, “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me,” has quickly become a modern classic in our churches. Much like the beloved hymn “In Christ Alone,” it does something beautiful: it pairs an incredibly comforting biblical truth—that Christ’s strength carries us in our deepest weakness—with a melody that is effortless for a congregation to sing together. The song was originally inspired by a sermon on Paul’s missionary labors, but it took the songwriting team twelve long weeks to fully write. During that season, the writers themselves were walking through intense personal trials. Songwriter Richard Thompson was struggling deeply with his mental health when he found a breakthrough while meditating on Psalm 23. He realized that the “green pastures” and the “valley of the shadow of death” aren’t separate places—they are intimately tied together. Looking back, Richard shared, “It was extraordinarily wonderful to know that it wasn’t some sort of weird accident that I was in the valley. There was such peace... For me, that was a big moment in this song.” Ultimately, this beautiful reality of relying entirely on divine strength in our lowest moments is exactly what the Apostle Paul points us to in Galatians.

When we look at Galatians 2:19, Paul describes a struggle we all know too well. The Law shows us our sin and exposes our brokenness, but it leaves us feeling condemned because we can’t save ourselves. As Bible teacher Frank Boyd reminds us, the Law has a heavy weight; it reveals our mistakes and reminds us of the consequences. But here is the beautiful turning point: even though striving under the Law couldn’t save us, it is exactly what drove Christ to the cross to rescue us. Out of that sacrifice, we receive a completely new life. Paul captures this lifechanging shift beautifully in Galatians 2:20: “I am crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” Following Jesus isn’t about ticking off boxes of legal obedience; it’s about a relationship of pure faith. As the verse continues, “The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Our faith rests securely on the deeply personal love of a Savior who gave everything for us—a devotion Paul echoes in Ephesians when he challenges us to walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us. It is this exact truth—that Jesus lives inside of us and overcomes our brokenness—that allows us to stand together as a church and confidently sing, “Yet not I, but through Christ in me.”

From Paul’s ancient missionary journeys to the quiet emotional valleys of a modern songwriting team, the secret to standing firm has never been about finding strength within ourselves. CityAlight’s hymn beautifully captures this eternal truth for our church today. Every time we sing it, we are reminded that our hope, our very next breath, and our final victory belong to Christ alone.



SERMON BY PHONE

Want to listen to Trinity’s sermons on the phone?
Simply dial **717-774-0108** and turn on your phone’s speaker.

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE by Beth Sider, chair

POLLINATOR GARDEN

Thanks to Heather Andrews, master gardener, and to the Penn Cumberland Garden Club for their gracious gift to start a pollinator garden at Trinity. Heather led the project, with her expertise, and volunteers assisted. All of the plants are ones that will attract the butterflies and bees in the process of pollination. Members of the trustees helped to initially prepare the area. Susannah Croushore volunteered to water the garden throughout the summer. It will take time for some of the plants to grow. Thanks to Heather for her time and assistance and to the volunteers who came to help make Trinity beautiful and be good stewards of the earth's resources.

GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

Have you looked at the pictures of all the Trinity youth with their prayer buddies? The pictures are located on the bulletin board beside the water fountain just before going into the Mt. Olivet Room. Grandparents in Prayer support these youth with prayer and encouragement, in addition to our own grandchildren. If you wish to join us, Grandparents in Prayer will meet in the Borough Park on July 13th at 11 a.m. for a time of prayer. The fall season will begin on September 14th. We will be using *The Grand Expedition* by Sherry Schumann as our resource book, a practical guide to praying for your grandchildren.

THANK YOU...

From Tom and Cathy Baum – With the school year just ending, Cathy and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed this past year to the ASK program with food donations or monetarily. We will again begin collecting food supplies and toiletry items in August for the start of the new school year. We normally try to have the WSSD social worker pick up supplies twice a month at our house. She is very appreciative of the support our church gives towards helping less fortunate students. This effort could not be done without the support of the congregation here at Trinity. We wholeheartedly thank you for your support and generosity over the years.

From Scott Copenhaver – To my dearest Trinity church family, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent medical issues and hospital stay. It has been a long two-month journey, but your prayers and the grace of God has seen me through. I love and missed you all and am glad to be back at church.

From Carol Everetts and family – With deep appreciation, I would like to thank my church family for their many, many cards, calls, and especially the prayers. Please understand I would like to see you. But, while I am in treatment, I have been advised not to be around people for the time being. I do not know from week to week what test I will be taking. I do know that my God and yours is in my home everyday, walking with me. Sending love and blessings to all.

NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH by Andrew Meade, Director of Traditional Worship

On our recent bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC, I was reminded again just how much older many of the world's civilizations are than America. At the museum, we were able to view portions of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which contain some of the oldest known copies of the Old Testament books and date from well over 2,000 years ago! These words were so important to the people of that time that they were meticulously hand-copied and then hidden to avoid destruction and to be preserved for future generations.

The 250th anniversary of this country and the Dead Sea Scrolls both represent a legacy of ideas, belief and faith passed down from generation to generation. It is up to each new generation to take that legacy and share it with those who come after. Throughout history, in all cultures, one of the most powerful ways to share stories and important truths has been through song; and the Church is a wonderful example of that! The music we sing here at Trinity represents a legacy of faith that stretches from the current moment back through the centuries. We learn new worship songs for the first time, and we also sing words and music that other believers have used for centuries.

Psalm 78:3-4

...things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

Psalm 89:1

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness
known through all generations.

The music of the Church is an amazing legacy that we inherit, add to, and pass on to others. This summer as you sing - in the Sanctuary Service or Revive - I encourage you to take time to reflect on the words, explore when and where the music was written, and think about what part of God's story that music is reinforcing. Then, let's sing! Loudly. Enthusiastically. Not worrying about whether you are a "good" singer or not. In the classic Christmas movie "Elf" (2003), we repeatedly hear the wise words of Buddy the Elf who says, "the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear". Well, that's also a great way to spread the good news about Jesus and demonstrate that exciting things are happening here at Trinity on Bridge. We want our guests to walk away thinking, "Wow, those people really SING; they must be excited about something!" Let's continue to share God's story through our music and make "singing loud for all to hear" a part of Trinity's legacy.



THANK GOD FOR THE MUSIC

Praise God for the gift of music at Trinity! Music Sunday on June 7th filled the sanctuary with joyful worship through the chancel choir, handbells, kids' choir, Bruce Snyder, and a powerful message from Dr. Doug Curry. Thank you to everyone who joined Andrew Meade in making the morning special, especially the Meade family. If you have a musical gift to share, Andrew would love to hear from you!

FROM THE PASTURE: WORDS OF WELLNESS by Barbara Zimmerman, Parish Nurse

“God is not unjust: He will not forget your works and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10

I was reminiscing recently and came upon this precious picture. It made me smile--perhaps sweet memories will make you smile, too. This team of Trinity's dedicated women from years ago were known as “The Senior/Homebound Ministry.” Time has passed, and we now find those of us who remain have become “senior” and, and in some cases, also homebound.



Like “God’s Harvest,” the need is great, but the laborers are few. And so, as it is written, “He will make all things new...” Our little team has become a “new thing.” We are called “The Caring Circle – Trinity’s Visiting Ministry,” providing bags for the homebound, visiting homes, and celebrating communion.

If you would like to be a part of this meaningful Jesus-centered, service-inspired ministry, we welcome your servant heart. When you hear and heed God’s call to make a difference in someone’s life, I promise it will make a difference in yours.



SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

Thanks to Barb Hawk for her inspiring sermon at the June 30th Sunnier Side of Sixty service. The following youth participated with a solo: Lucas Goheen, trumpet; Derek Kanakaraj, flute; Ariel Kanakaraj, violin; Kaylynn Snyder, vocal; and Achilles Figueroa, saxophone. Thanks to Ken Gable for being in charge of the lunch and to Jane Gable, communion steward. The next service will be September 15th with Dr. Joy Meade as speaker and Jamie Bream ministering in music.

TRINITY’S MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity is a Christ-centered, Bible-believing, disciple-making, community-focused, caring church. We believe God's Word and love transform people and that the Gospel is the means of salvation from sin. Our mission is to celebrate, connect, and communicate God's love with individuals through an intergenerational and culturally diverse congregation. Relying on the Holy Spirit and prayer, we want to serve as a bridge to connect God's love story with our community locally and online.

BUS TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

On June 11th, a bus full of Trinity Church folk and friends enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship, travel, and exploration at the Museum of the Bible. We thank God for safe travels, rich learning about His Word—its history, authenticity, and infallibility—and a truly exhilarating experience.



Thanks to all who came, especially Barb Hawk for organizing the trip and Susan Croushore for providing snacks, candy, and fruit. God bless our Wolf Bus Services driver, Tom, a former high school principal of 32 years, who made the trip even more interesting.

SECRET SISTERS UPDATE

On May 16th, the Secret Sisters met for an opening prayer and fellowship to celebrate National Chicken Dance Day. The tables were covered with red checkered tablecloths and decorated with chicken centerpieces. Each lady received a chicken headband to wear, a chicken pen and matching bookmark. The ladies brought a chicken gift for their Secret Sister and enjoyed a buffet of fried chicken with various sides and desserts. The Dancing Rooster entertained the SS's with music, dance, and jokes.



On June 20th, an ice cream social was held to celebrate the anticipation of summer.

This month, the SS will celebrate the USA's 250th birthday together with an indoor picnic on July 18th. The Sisters have been asked to wear red, white, and blue, and the most original outfit will win a door prize. Please sign-up for a side dish. RSVP by July 11th to Vicky Forman at 717-623-6568.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship is a wonderful time for our congregation to connect. It happens each week because Trinity's small groups/ministries provide snacks, refreshments, and drinks. If you are not in a small group/ministry, but would like to contribute/help, please contact Jo Lower or the church office or email us at office@trinityonbridge.com. Dates available for contributions are August 23rd and September 27th.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

We are grateful to those of you who responded to our appeal to support our ongoing ministry to children and youth at Trinity. Let's continue to pray for the Lord's guidance, provision of the right people and an incoming of more kids and teenagers to Trinity.

Men's Checklist for Life

NO MEETING IN JULY

NEXT MEETING: August 29, 2026
Speaker: Bob Rosenthal

To register, use sign-up sheets near the mailboxes or in the Fellowship Hall. Location may change to the church if registration exceeds 25 men.

DUTIES FOR JULY 2026

	9:15 GREETERS	11:00 GREETERS	USHERS
JULY 05	Charlotte & Jeff Wagoner	Calvin & Shawn Estep	Rex Hood, Daryl Potteiger, George Karnes Michell Meckley, Keith Turner
JULY 12	Nancy & Keith Turner	Linda Klitch	Michelle Meckley, Rex Hood, Matt Ickler, Jed Beshore, George Karnes
JULY 19	Ruth & Roger Miller	Don & Deb Plummer	Scott Sundy, Gordon Taylor, Matt Ickler, Jed Beshore, Ken Puller
JULY 26	Ruth & Roger Miller	Ken & Jane Gable	Daryl Potteiger, Mike DiMatteo, Gordon Taylor, Ken Puller, Scott Sundy

	WORSHIP LEADERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY
JULY 05	Bishop Pauline Peifer	Elliot Stark-Blosser, Nancy Turner	Melissa St Cyr, Beth Sider
JULY 12	Kaylynn Snyder	Elliot Stark-Blosser, Vi Humphrey	Sandra Williams, Jane Gable
JULY 19	Debra Plummer	Elliot Stark-Blosser, Dianne Schofield	Jan Ocamb, Charlotte Wagoner
JULY 26	Michelle Meckley	Elliot Stark-Blosser, Betty Caboot	TBD

ALL CHURCH BBQ



TRINITY ON BRIDGE EVENTS

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 9AM Communion Prep
7	6	7	8	9 10:30AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	10	11
12 12PM Starfish Ministry	13 Tidings Deadline 6:00PM Caitlin's Smile	14	15	16 10AM So N'Sews 10:30AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	17	18 10AM Secret Sisters
19	20 7PM Pray & Go	21	22 5:30PM Youth Group Mini-Golf	23 10:30AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	24	25
26	27	28	29 8AM Assemble Tidings	30 10:30AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit	31	

9:15 a.m. - Traditional Worship

10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship

10:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Revive Worship & Children's Sunday School

***Mid-day prayer and praise begins again on 09/02/2026.**

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Dear Friend,
Thank you for joining us at Trinity on Bridge.
You are always welcome back here!

TRINITY ON BRIDGE
INVITES YOU....

- 9:15 a.m. The Sanctuary: Traditional Service
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Revive: Contemporary Service
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Come join us on Sundays! We offer traditional and modern worship services with nursery and children's sunday school.

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